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January 1987

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3 January

Mass rallies and meetings in Nampo City and South Pyongan, North Pyongan, Yanggang, and Chagang provinces celebrate reelection of **Kim Il-song**. So Yun-sok speaks at South Pyongan provincial rally; Kim Hyong-kū speaks at Kangwon provincial rally. (KCNA 4 January 1987)

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3-6 January

Deputy Foreign Minister Yi In-kyu heads foreign ministry delegation to **Soviet Union**; holds discussions with Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Igor Rogachev and signs 1987-88 cooperation agreement between foreign ministries. (Moscow TASS 7 January 1987; KCNA 9 January 1987)

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4 January

"Month of Winter Sports of Youths and Children of P'yongyang City" begins; Vice Premier Chong Chun-ki and KWP Secretary Ho Chong-suk attend opening ceremonies. (P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 4 January 1987)

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5 January

Nonaligned Countries' Coordination Bureau meets in New York and sets dates of **NAM** Ministerial Meeting on North-South cooperation for 9-13 June in P'yongyang. (KCNA 11 January 1987)

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Torchlight meeting urges young people of P'yongyang to take the lead in fulfilling third seven-year plan assignments; senior officials present include First Vice Premier Hong Song-nam, Chief P'yongyang City Party Committee Kang Hui-won, Vice Premier Chong Chun-ki, and KWP Secretary Ho Chong-suk. (KCNA 6 January 1987)

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7 January

North Korean guardpost fires five to eight machinegun rounds across **DMZ** toward a South Korean guardpost; South Koreans do not return fire. No injuries were reported and damage was slight.

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7-23 January

Vice President Yi Chong-ok leads delegation to **Togo** to celebrate its 20th anniversary; meets with President Eyadema as well as presidents of **The Congo, Benin, and Saharan Democratic Arab Republic (SDAR)**, who are participating in celebrations. Yi and delegation travel to **Benin**; meet with President Kerekou; return home via **Libya**. (KCNA 7 January 1987; KCNA 15 January 1987; KCNA 20 January 1987; Tripoli JANA 21 January 1987)

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8 January

South Korean businessman claims North Korean Embassy in Singapore tried to kidnap him, prompting Seoul's Foreign Ministry to issue statement demanding P'yongyang discontinue its efforts to kidnap South Koreans. (Seoul YONHAP 8 January 1987)

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South Korean Foreign Ministry confirms defection of North Korean diplomat in Copenhagen, **Denmark** in late November. (Seoul YONHAP 8 January 1987)

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North Korea marks 23rd anniversary of Day of Building Materials Industry. (KCNA 8 January 1987)

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9 January

P'yongyang notifies Seoul by telephone of intent to deliver letter for South Korean Prime Minister Lho Shin Yong and Defense Minister Lee Ki Baek proposing high level talks on 10 January at P'anmunjom. (P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 9 January 1987)

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PLO Representative Mustafa Safarini hosts reception to celebrate 22nd anniversary of beginning of Palestinian revolution; Vice Premier Kim Pok-sin attends. (KCNA 10 January 1987)

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10 January

P'yongyang broadcasts letter proposing high level bilateral talks after South Korea declines to accept it. Other tension reducing measures suggested include enhancing the authority of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission (NNSC) and organizing the Neutral Nations Inspection Forces. (P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 11 January 1987)

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12 January

New Year's speech by South Korean President Chun denounces the North's proposal and calls for resumption of North-South dialogue, especially Red Cross and economic talks. Comment: Chun omitted this offer in last year's address.

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P'yongyang declares **US** citizen "persona non grata" and orders him to leave, claiming he entered North Korea illegally. (KCNA 13 January 1987)

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13 January

North Korea ratifies Antarctic Treaty, signed in December 1986. Comment: Signing shows P'yongyang's willingness to join selected international groups that include the South but is not an indicator that P'yongyang is modifying its longstanding opposition to "two Koreas."

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14 January

In letter to **UN** Secretary General Cuellar, **Soviet** leader Gorbachev expresses support for North Korea's proposal for nuclear-free zone on Korean peninsula. (KCNA 14 January 1987)

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Nodong Sinmun commentary derides Chun's speech as "unreasonable and unrealistic" and accuses him of sidestepping **Kim Il-sŏng's** proposal. Commentary does not

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explicitly reject the idea of a summit.



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Seoul National University student Pak Chong-ch'ol dies during police interrogation. (Seoul The Korea Herald 16 January 1987)



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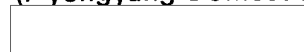
15 January

North Korean Navy seizes South Korean fishing boat, claiming vessel was within North Korean territorial waters. (P'yongyang Domestic Service 15 January 1987)



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Soviet Ambassador Nikolay Shubnikov holds press conference at Soviet Embassy in P'yongyang; expresses support for **Kim Il-song's** proposal for high level North-South political and military talks. (P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 15 January 1987)



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16 January

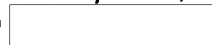
South Korean Construction Minister Lee Kyu Hyo issues statement urging North Korea to halt construction on **Kumgangsan** project and to respond to the South's proposal for talks. Lee offers to "compensate" North Korea for any power shortage resulting from suspension of construction. (Seoul Domestic Service in Korean 16 January 1987)



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16-20 January

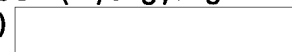
Delegation from **Zimbabwe**, headed by Assembly Speaker Didymus Mutasa, pays visit to P'yongyang; meets with **Kim Il-song** and holds talks with KWP Secretary Hwang Chang-yop. (KCNA 16 January 1987; KCNA 19 January 1987; KCNA 20 January 1987)



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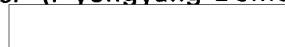
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KPA Major General Yi Tae-ho, senior member of KPA and CPV delegation to **MAC**, sends letter to Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission urging them to support North Korea's proposal to enhance the authority of the NNSC. (P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 17 January 1987)



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Yi Song-nok, head of delegation to North-South Economic talks, urges the South to respond to the proposal for high level, bilateral talks in order to expedite the resumption of economic talks. (P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 17 January 1987)



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North Korean Power Industry Committee issues statement denouncing South Korea's latest position on the **Kumgangsan** project and, again, claims only peaceful objectives for the



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plan. (P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 18 January 1987) [REDACTED]

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18 January

KCNA claims UN Secretary General de Cuellar expressed support on 9 January for P'yongyang's proposal for holding high level, bilateral talks at meeting with North Korean Chief of UN Permanent Observer Mission Pak Kil-yon. (KCNA 18 January 1987) [REDACTED]

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19 January

President **Kim Il-song** meets with **Japanese** Chuche group headed by Kenichi Ogami, General Secretary of the International Institute of the Chuche Idea. (KCNA 20 January 1987) [REDACTED]

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19-27 January

Delegation of **Soviet** news agency APN, headed by Vladimir Lysenkov, visits P'yongyang. (KCNA 19 January 1987; KCNA 27 January 1987) [REDACTED]

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20 January

Accompanied by KWP Secretaries Ho Tam and Yon Hyong-muk and Chief of General Staff O Kuk-yol, **Kim Chong-il** inspects armed forces museum. (KCNA 20 January 1987) [REDACTED]

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Defense Minister O Chin-u sends greetings to **Laotian** Defense Minister General Khamtai Siphandon on 38th anniversary of founding of Lao army. (KCNA 20 January 1987) [REDACTED]

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21 January

Group of 11 North Korean residents arrive in **Japan** from Chongjin aboard fishing boat; ask for passage to "warmer country," expressing fears about resettling in South Korea. P'yongyang demands return of personnel and boat. (Seoul The Korea Herald 22 January 1987; KCNA 23 January 1987; Seoul Yonhap 31 January 1987) [REDACTED]

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21-23 January

Government delegation from **Zimbabwe**, headed by President Mugabe, visits P'yongyang; Mugabe and **Kim Il-song** hold talks. Top leadership represented at various functions include Premier Yi Kun-mo, Foreign Minister Kim Yong-nam, Vice Premier Kim Pok-sin, Chief of the P'yongyang City Party Committee Kang Hui-won, and External Economic Affairs Minister Chong Song-nam. (P'yongyang Domestic Service in

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Korean 21 January 1987; KCNA 22 January 1987; KCNA 23 January 1987)

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21-31 January

Deputy Department Director Kim Yong-sun heads KWP delegation to **France** and **Spain**; attends international Korean reunification committee meeting in Paris. Comment: South Korean Prime Minister Lho Shin Yong is currently visiting five European countries, including Spain, soliciting support for the 1988 Seoul **Olympics**, UN admission, and the South's opposition to **Kumgangsan** project. (KCNA 21 January 1987;

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22 January

North Korean students hold meeting in P'yongyang to denounce South Korea for the death of Seoul National University student during police interrogation. (KCNA 23 January 1987)

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23 January

President **Kim Il-song** attends performance by KPA song and dance ensemble accompanied by Pak Song-ch'ol, Kang Song-san, Hong Song-nam, O Kuk-yol, and others. (KCNA 23 January 1987)

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Kim Il-song meets with Ho Chong-man and Mun Tong-kon, vice chairmen of General Association of Korean Residents in **Japan** and Kim Won-hwan, Deputy Director of the Association's education department. (KCNA 23 January 1987)

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UN Security Council circulates portion of text from **Kim Il-song's** 30 December 1986 speech at request of North Korean Permanent Observer. (KCNA 31 January 1987;

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Peruvian Chuche group, led by Mercedes Cabanillas de Llanos, visits P'yongyang. (KCNA 24 January 1987)

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26 January

Committee for Peaceful Reunification of the Fatherland denounces the **US-ROK Team Spirit** exercise. Statement reiterates North Korean call for high level political and military talks. (KCNA 26 January 1987;

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Soviet delegation of Moscow City construction workers, led by Oleg Yamov, director of department of General Bureau of

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[REDACTED]

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Moscow City Construction, visits P'yongyang. (KCNA 27 January 1987) [REDACTED]

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27 January

North Korea notifies South Korea of intention to deliver letter on 28 January at P'anmunjom; South indicates letter will be accepted 30 January. (P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 27 January 1987) [REDACTED]

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Vice President Pak Song-ch'ol, Foreign Minister Kim Yong-nam and KWP Secretary Hwang Chang-yop are among those invited to **Indian** Embassy reception celebrating 38th anniversary of founding of Republic of India. (KCNA 27 January 1987) [REDACTED]

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28 January

Deputy Chairman of Committee for Peaceful Reunification of the Fatherland Choe Tok-sin holds press conference in P'yongyang; sings praises of Kim Il-song and his successor Kim Chong-il. Comment: Choe, former South Korean Foreign Minister and ROK Army Commander, returned to P'yongyang last November from exile in foreign country. (KCNA 30 January 1987) [REDACTED]

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Delegation of League of Socialist Working Youth of Korea, headed by its central committee chairman Ch'oe Yong-hae, visits **Soviet Union**. (KCNA 28 January 1987) [REDACTED]

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Delegations to North-South talks hold joint meeting in P'yongyang to denounce South Korean-US decision to hold the **US-ROK Team Spirit exercise**. (KCNA 29 January 1987) [REDACTED]

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28, 29 January

Premier Yi Kun-mo meets with **Hungarian** and **Bulgarian** Ambassadors. (KCNA 29 January 1987; KCNA 30 January 1987) [REDACTED]

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28-30 January

Vice Premier Kim Pok-sin heads economic delegation to **Soviet Union**; meets with Nikolay Ryzhkov, Chairman of USSR Council of Ministers. (KCNA 28 January 1987; KCNA 1 February 1987) [REDACTED]

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29 January

North Korea and **Soviet Union** sign 1987 plan for cooperation in the film industry in Moscow; plan joint film making project. (Moscow TASS 29 January 1987) [REDACTED]

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Bangladesh and North Korea sign two-way US\$25 million barter protocol in Dhaka, raising volume of bilateral trade; Deputy Foreign Trade Minister Song Hui-ch'ol and Commerce Secretary Golem Mustafa sign agreement. (Dhaka Domestic Service 29 January 1987; Beijing Xinhua 28 January 1987)

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Sports organizations for Socialist countries express support for cohosting of 1988 **Olympic** games at conference in Havana, **Cuba**. Conference attended by representatives of 10 Asian and Eastern European socialist countries. (Moscow TASS 29 January 1987)

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30 January

South Korea accepts second letter signed by Premier Yi Kun-mo and Defense Minister O Chin-u proposing high level political and military talks. Letter demands cancellation of the **US-ROK Team Spirit exercise** but does not say failure to do so will invalidate proposal. (Seoul Domestic Korean 30 January 1987; FBIS SK300521, Reuters 30 January 1987)

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Foreign Minister Kim Yong-nam meets with **Pakistani** Ambassador Jafar Habib. (KCNA 30 January 1987)

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KCNA reports South Korean press announcement of 7 February as "Day of mourning for the people in memory of Pak Chong-ch'ol," the student who died during police interrogation. (KCNA 30 January 1987)

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31 January

World Peace Council holds meeting in **Lisbon**; adopts statement expressing support for North Korean proposals for nuclear-free zone and North-South talks. Local press notes presence of former North Korean Ambassador to Burma Yi Song-ho, expelled for complicity in 1983 Rangoon bombing. (KCNA 31 January 1987;

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Representatives of **Nigeria** and North Korea sign cultural and educational program agreement in Lagos. (Lagos International Service 31 January 1987)

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LOOKING AHEAD

11-13 February	North Korean Olympic Committee to meet with IOC President Samaranch. <input type="text"/>	25X1
16 February 1987	45th birthday of Kim Chong-il . <input type="text"/>	25X1
19 February- Early May	The US-ROK Team Spirit exercise scheduled. <input type="text"/>	25X1
15 April 1987	75th birthday of Kim Il-song . <input type="text"/>	25X1
9-13 June	North Korea to host NAM Ministerial Conference on Economic Matters. <input type="text"/>	25X1
6 July	26th anniversary of signing of Soviet-Korean Friendship Treaty. <input type="text"/>	25X1
15 August	42nd anniversary of National Liberation. <input type="text"/>	25X1

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